

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment, and consideration of this application, as amended.

All of the claims (Claims 1-20) as originally filed have been cancelled. New claims 21-40 have been added and relate to the originally filed specification and claims as follows.

The present application has been filed in order to specifically claim a method for removing bromine-reactive contaminants from an aromatic hydrocarbon stream which uses an *unbound or self-bound* acid active catalyst composition to remove mono-olefin bromine-reactive contaminants from aromatic hydrocarbon feedstreams of negligible diene level.

Support for the "unbound" limitation of claims 21 and 39 can be found in claim 9 as originally filed whilst the "self-bound" limitation finds support in the specification at page 13, line 26.

The relationship between the original claims and claims 21-40 can be described in further detail. Claim 21 corresponds to original claim 1 but incorporates the "unbound" "self-bound" limitations above-described. Claims 22-28 correspond to original claims 2-8, respectively. Claims 29-35 correspond to original claims 11-17, respectively. Claim 36 relates specifically to unbound catalyst, claim 37 relates specifically to self-bound catalyst and claim 38 relates specifically to MCM-22 self-bound catalyst, support for which is found at page 13, line 26 of the original specification.

Claim 39 corresponds to original claim 18 with the "unbound or self-bound" limitation taken from original claim 9 and page 13, line 26 of the specification. Claim 40 relates specifically to MCM-22 self-bound catalyst, support for which is found at page 13, line 26 of the original specification.

Claims 21-40 are presently in the application.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims describe a new, useful and unobvious method for decreasing bromine-reactive contaminants in aromatic streams with an unbound acid active catalyst. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter and allow the presently amended claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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